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INTRODUCTION

These tables summarize the ocean catch statistics for the three predominant species of salmon caught in ocean waters off Washington, Oregon and California: chinook, coho and pink salmon. Each state's data collection program differs somewhat in methods and time periods reported. The details of each program are contained in the description of data which precedes each state's data tables. Common to all states is the reporting of pounds in the dressed, head-on condition. If round weights are desired, a correction factor of 15 percent should be applied to the weights reported herein.

Certain data conventions and definitions are used throughout the report, unless footnoted. A dash (-) denotes that data is unavailable. A zero (0) denotes that the fishery was closed or that no catch occurred. A "delivery" is defined as a single landing in the commercial fishery. A "day fished" in the commercial fishery is defined as any part of a day spend in the act of fishing. An "angler day" in the recreational fishery is defined as an individual angler trip.

In conjunction with Council's annual ocean salmon fishery review, this historical summary provides a complete record of the available salmon landings and fishery effort data for the ocean fisheries off the states of Washington, Oregon and California. The historical summary will be updated about every five years.